

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 241.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 241.010. DISPOSITION OF FETAL REMAINS. (a) A hospital shall release the remains of an unintended, intrauterine fetal death on the request of a parent of the unborn child, in a manner appropriate under law and the hospital's policy for disposition of a human body.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), if the remains of an unintended, intrauterine fetal death weigh less than 350 grams, a hospital shall release the remains on the request of a parent of the unborn child, in a manner that is appropriate under law and consistent with hospital policy.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2015: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 9, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

PETITION TO A STATE AGENCY FOR ADOPTION OF RULES

CHAPTER 343

H.B. No. 763

AN ACT

relating to a petition to a state agency for adoption of rules.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2001.021, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(b) A state agency by rule shall prescribe the form for a petition under this section and the procedure for its submission, consideration, and disposition. If a state agency requires signatures for a petition under this section, at least 51 percent of the total number of signatures required must be of residents of this state.

(d) For the purposes of this section, an interested person must be:

- (1) a resident of this state;*
- (2) a business entity located in this state;*
- (3) a governmental subdivision located in this state; or*
- (4) a public or private organization located in this state that is not a state agency.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 5, 2015: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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